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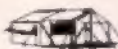
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BONG BONGG BONNGG

THAT CLOCK  
HAS GOT  
TO GO!

ON THE  
CONTRARY, GRETA  
NISSON...THE CLOCK  
**MUST** REMAIN  
WHERE IT HAS  
STOOD FOR MORE  
THAN ONE HUNDRED  
YEARS! IT IS  
STIPULATED IN  
THIS WILL WHICH  
I AM ABOUT  
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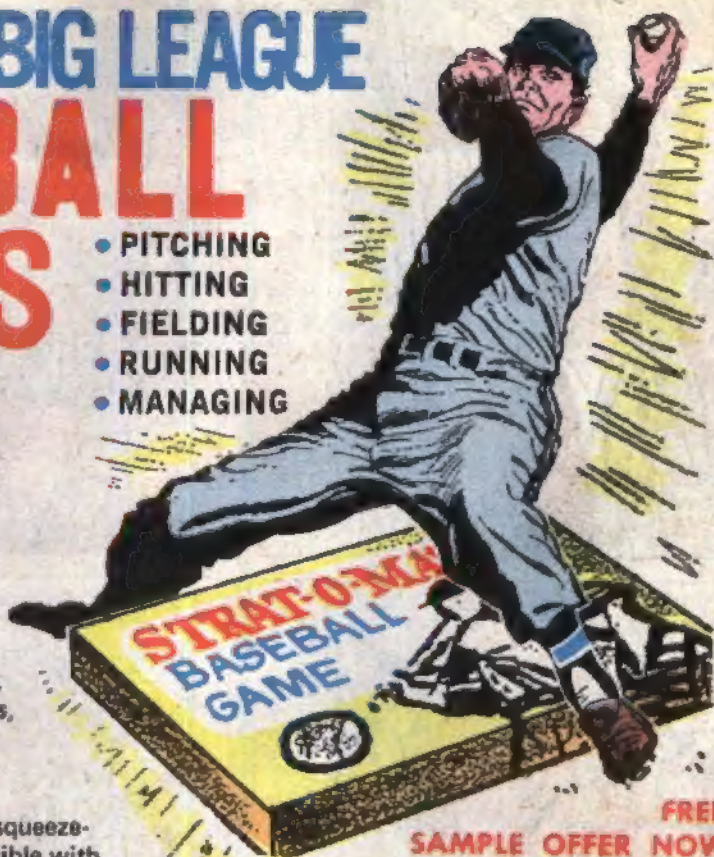
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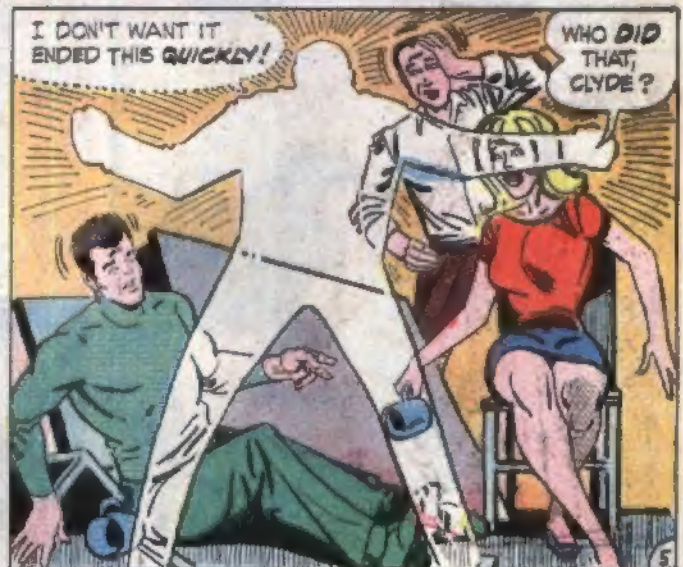
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GRADUALLY, THE THREE HEIRS TO UNCLE JACOB'S FORTUNE BECOME AWARE THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THIS OLD MANSION! GRETA IS ALWAYS AWARE OF THE CHILL IN THE LIBRARY NEAR THE GRANDFATHER CLOCK...

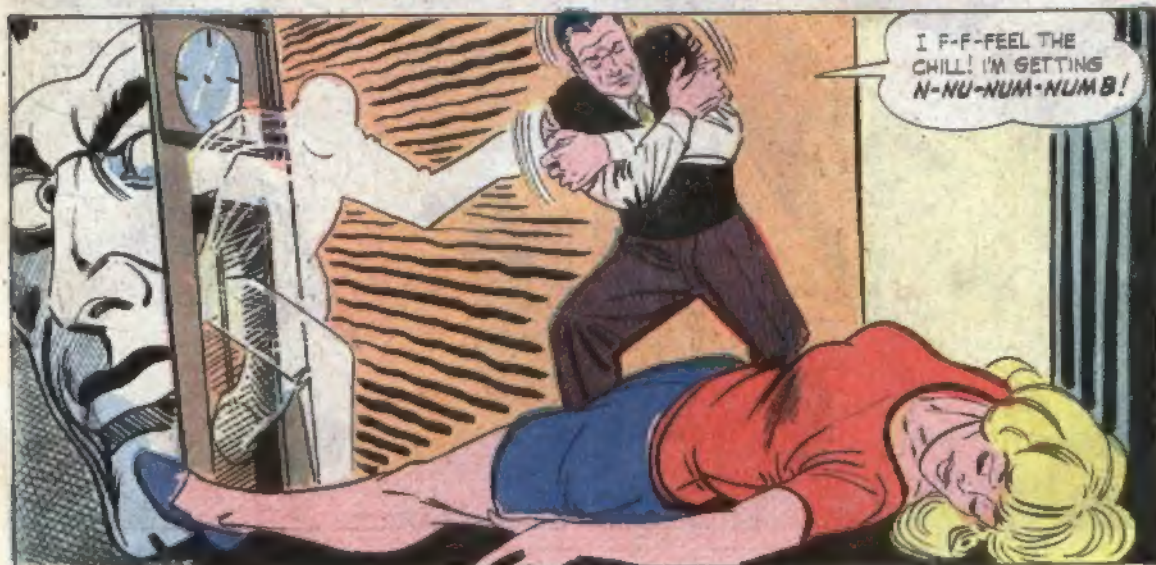
I WAS LOOKING AT THE CLOCK YESTERDAY, GRETA...THERE WAS NO CHILL I'LL SHOW YOU....

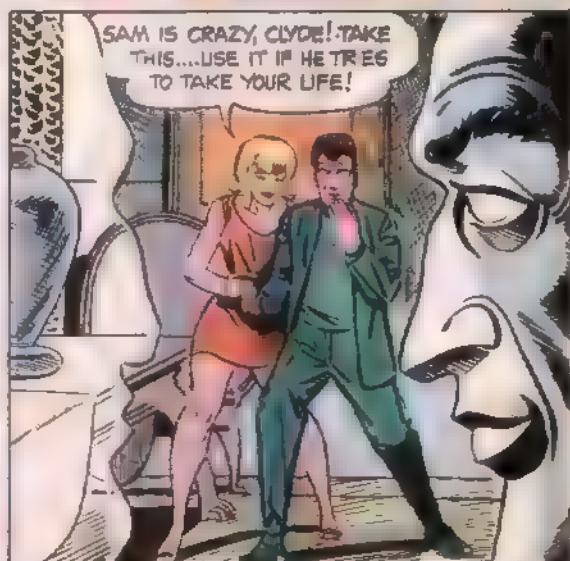
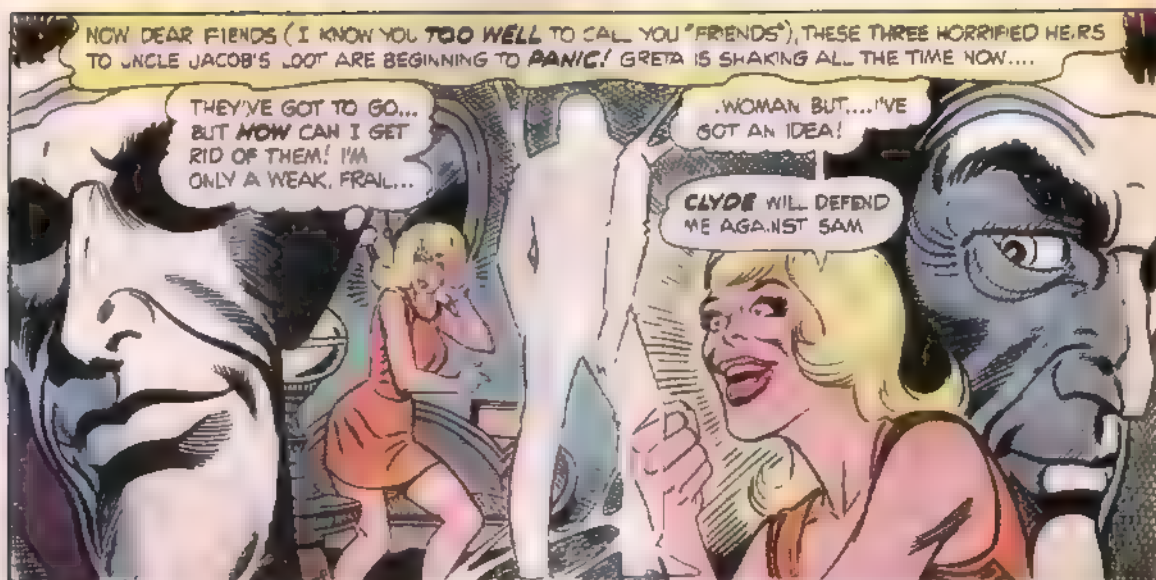
LET ME GO, SAM! PLEASE, I....

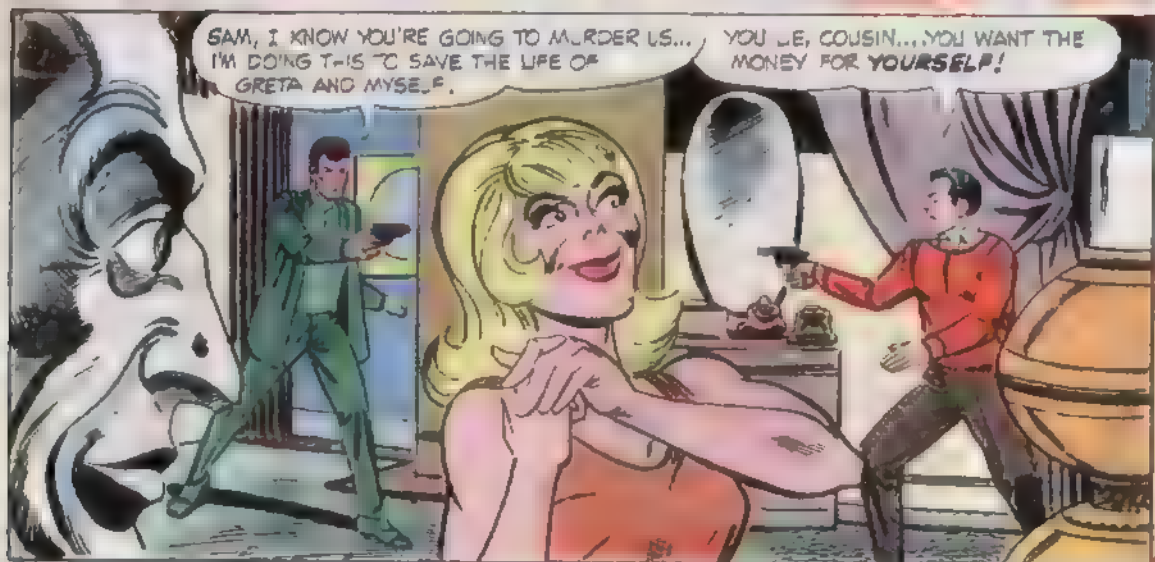
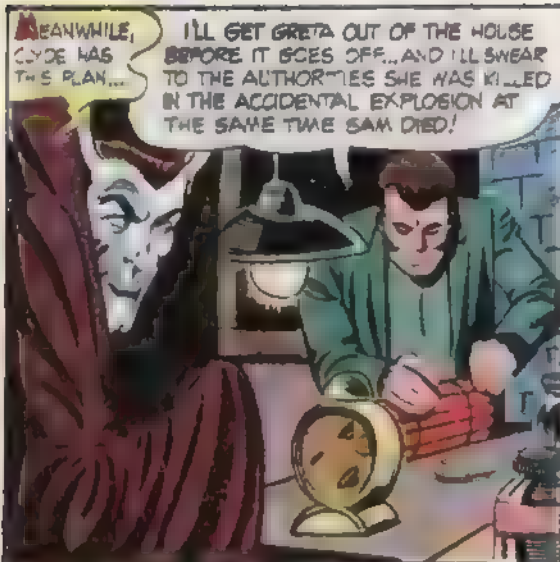


COME ON, GRETA!

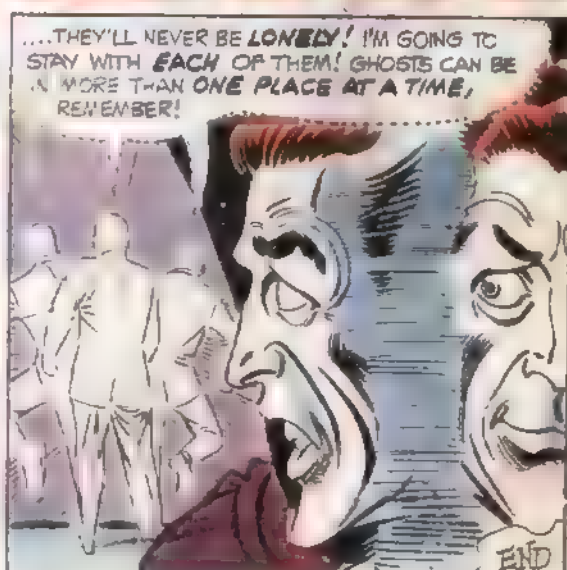
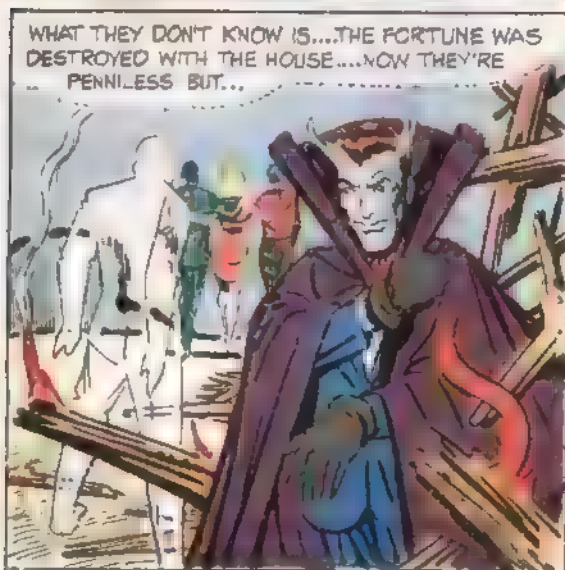
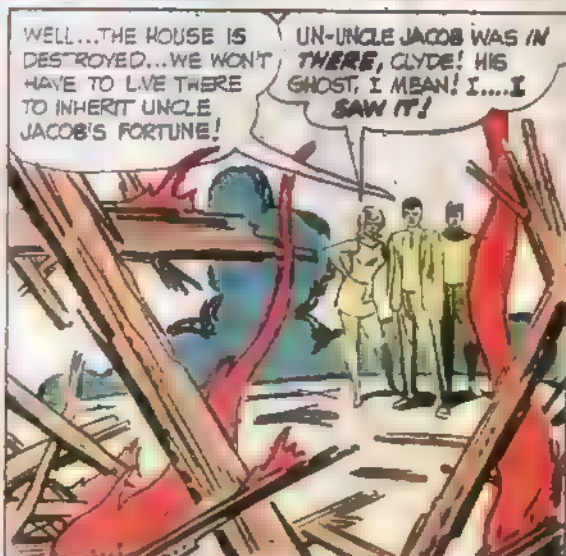
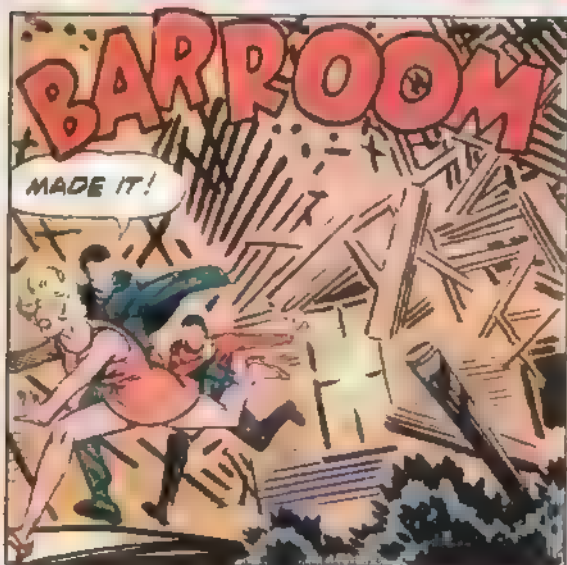
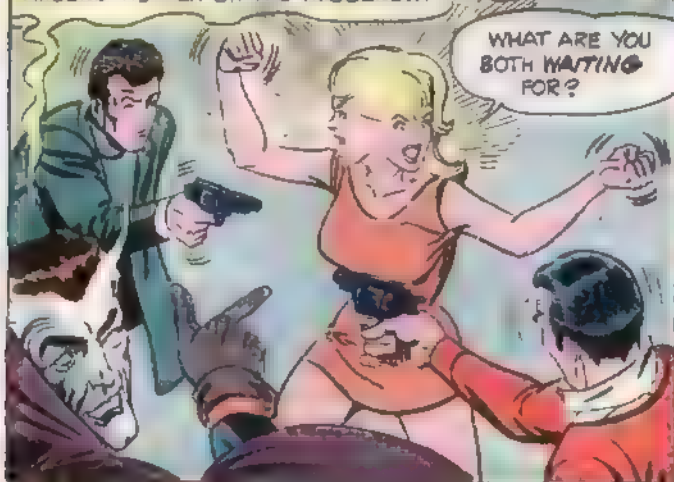
EEEEEEEE!!!







TWO COUSINS, DRIVEN BY THE LIES OF A THIRD, STAND READY TO TAKE EACH OTHER'S LIVES! AS THE CHIMES SOUND, THEIR FINGERS TIGHTEN ON THE TRIGGERS...



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# THE ENGAGEMENT PARTY



HEH, HEH, HEH! COME ON YOU, SWINGERS, YOU COOL CATS WHO LIKE TO TURN ON, TURN OFF, MAKE IT CRAZY..THIS IS THE WILDEST BASH EVER! THIS IS THE SCENE..A CASTLE IN CREEPY EUROPE, A REAL SLICK CHICK FROM DOWNTOWN BURBANK, AND A BOSS BULL FROM THE VILLAGE JUST OVER THE MOAT! DON'T YAWN AND TURN OFF NOW..IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY YOU **MAY** GET A GLIMPSE AT THE REAL HOST TO THIS PARTY! SEE HIM..IN THE SHADOWS? YOU DO? YEEUUCCCHHH!

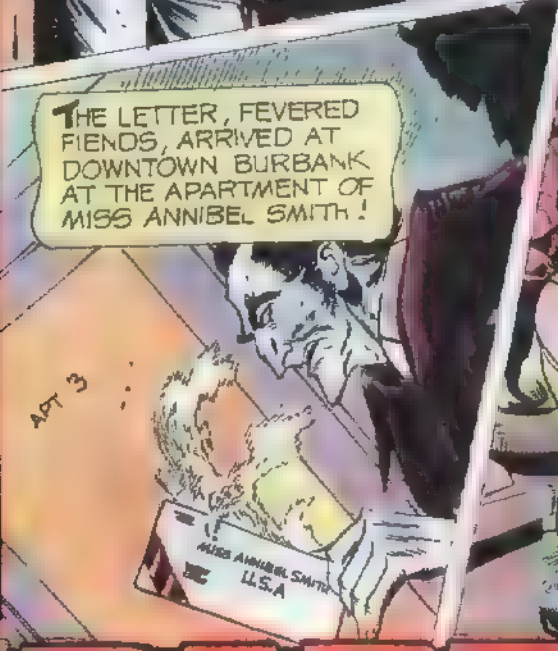
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I AM PLEASED, ANYA SZMYTKA. YOU CAME AS SOON AS YOU WERE SUMMONED!



WHO'S HE, STEVE? STEVE THIS IS NO TIME TO PLAY **GAMES!**



THE LETTER, FEVERED FIENDS, ARRIVED AT DOWNTOWN BURBANK AT THE APARTMENT OF MISS ANNIBEL SMITH!



DIG THIS JIVE, TEENIE! IT'S FROM A MAN IN SKAALAND WHO SAYS HE'S MY FIANCEE! IT'S **WEIRD!**

# PARTY

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SAL GENTILE  
SCRIPT  
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ART  
PAT BOYETTE

IT'S ADDRESSED TO ANNIBEL SMITH, U.S.A! THERE MUST BE MORE ANNIBEL SMITHS THAN YOU!

IT'S FOR ME, ALL RIGHT! MY GREAT GRANDMOTHER EMIGRATED HERE FROM SKAALAND! I KNOW IT'S FOR ME!

NATURALLY, THOUGH, I WON'T ANSWER IT.. MUCH LESS GO THERE!

WHAT DID YOU SAY, ANNIBEL?

CLIK

WHAT INFLUENCED THIS AMERICAN GIRL TO SUDDENLY FORGET HER FRIENDS, EVERYTHING AND GO TO THE AIRPORT THE NEXT DAY? PERHAPS LOVELY ANNIBEL SMITH DOESN'T KNOW THE REAL REASON!

I SAID.. I'M TAKING A PLANE TO SKAALAND TOMORROW!

IS THIS CORRECT, MISS SMITH? ONE WAY TO SKAALAND!

TRANS-

YES, YES, I HEAR YOU! YES, I WILL DO AS YOU SAY!

Y-YES, THAT'S WHAT I WANT, STEWARDESS!

GATE  
2

WELCOME TO  
SKAALAND, ANNIBEL!

STEFAN  
MORJAK?  
I AM  
ANNIBEL  
SMITH!

I..I AM NOT  
CERTAIN WHY  
I WROTE TO  
YOU, ANYA!

THE CAPITAL OF  
SKAALAND, A QUAIN  
PLACE OFF THE  
BEATEN PATH! LET  
US ACCOMPANY  
ANNIBEL TO HER  
RENDEZVOUS WITH  
THE MAN WHO SENT  
HER THE LETTER  
.. HE THINKS!

I HAD A  
VACATION COMING  
SO I DECIDED TO  
VISIT HERE! BUT  
WHY DID YOU WRITE  
THAT CRAZY LETTER  
ABOUT OUR BEING  
ENGAGED?

WHAT AN ODD  
CARRIAGE, STEFAN!  
DOES IT BELONG  
AROUND HERE?

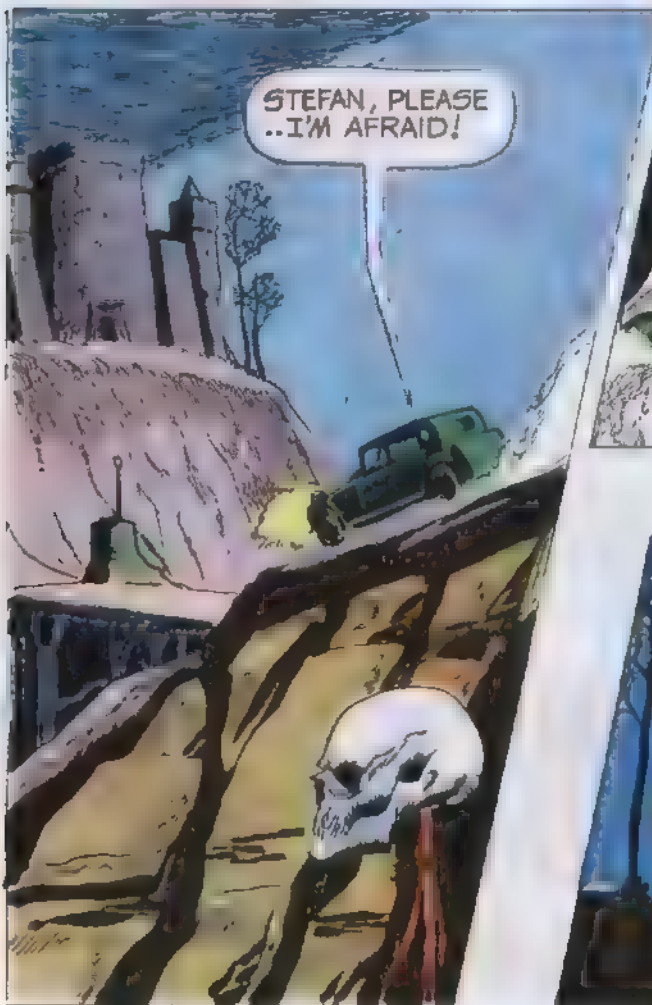
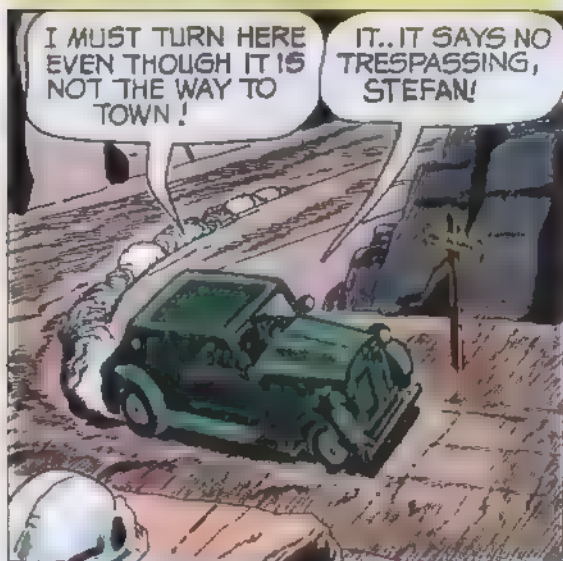
I HAD A DREAM, ANYA..  
AND YOU AND I WERE  
ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED!  
AND THEN I WROTE THE  
LETTER TELLING YOU TO  
COME TO ME!

STEFAN, A GALLANT  
LAD, HRES A CAR TO  
DRIVE TO THE MOUN-  
TAIN V..LAGE WHERE  
HE LIVES! AT DUSK,  
THEY OVERTAKE A  
CARRIAGE AND...

THIS IS WEIRD,  
STEFAN!

I..I SAW ONE LIKE IT,  
IN AN ENGRAVING....  
COUNT STEFAN IKLOS,  
M-MY ANCESTOR!

THIS IS THE LAST STOP FOR CARDIAC CASES AND SCAREDY-CATS! STRAIGHT AHEAD IS THE PEACEFUL VILLAGE IN THE VALLEY.. BUT TO THE LEFT, UPHILL LIES THE FEARFUL UNKNOWN!

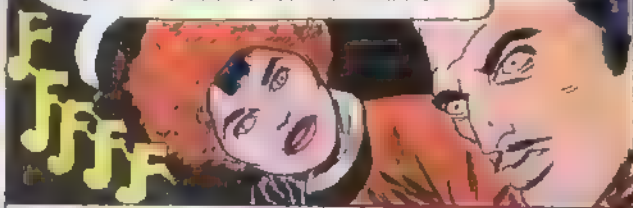


THIS IS THE ANCIENT CASTLE  
OF COUNT IKLOS, ANYA!



I HAVE NOTHING TO  
DO WITH HIM, STEFAN!  
STEFAN, I WANT TO  
LEAVE THIS EVIL  
PLACE!

ORGAN MUSIC? PLAYING... PLAYING  
THE WEDDING MARCH! STEFAN, WHO  
IS PLAYING THE ORGAN?



STEFAN, LISTEN TO THE VOICES...  
THEY ARE SAYING...

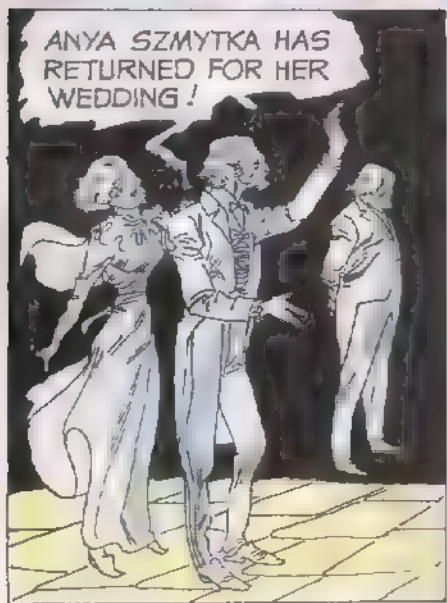


ANYA! ANYA  
SZMYTKA!

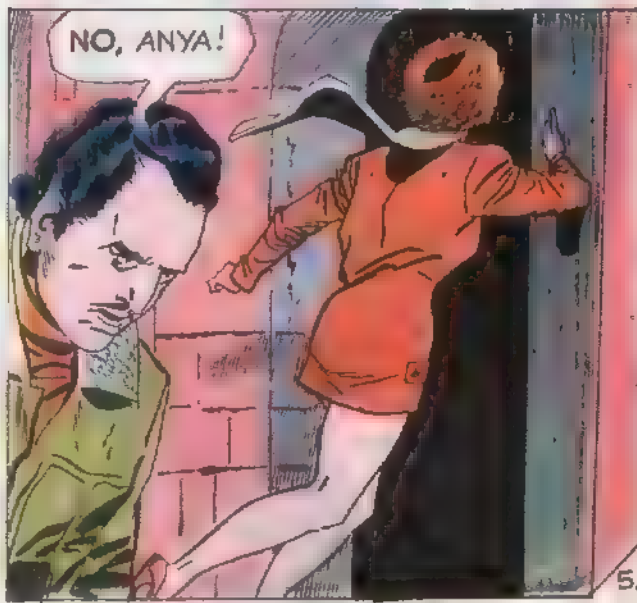
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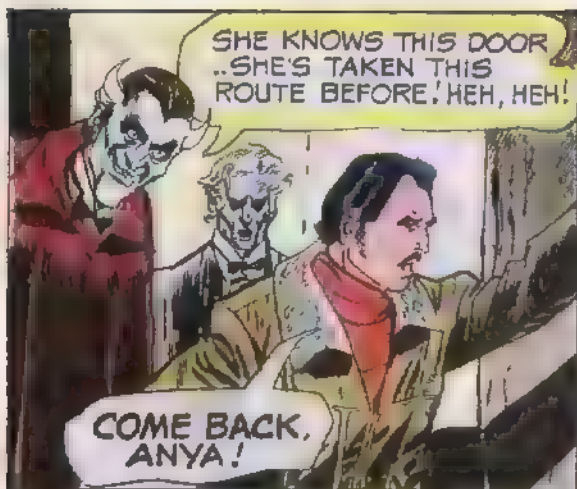


ANYA SZMYTKA HAS  
RETURNED FOR HER  
WEDDING!

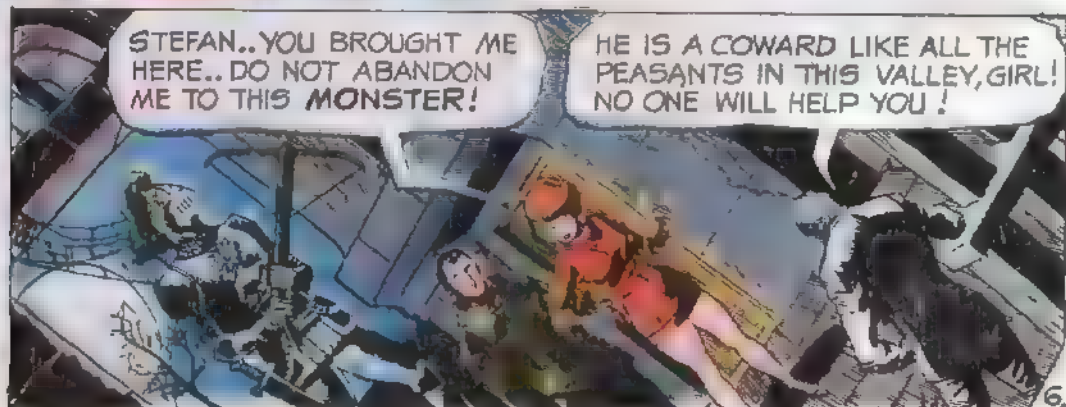
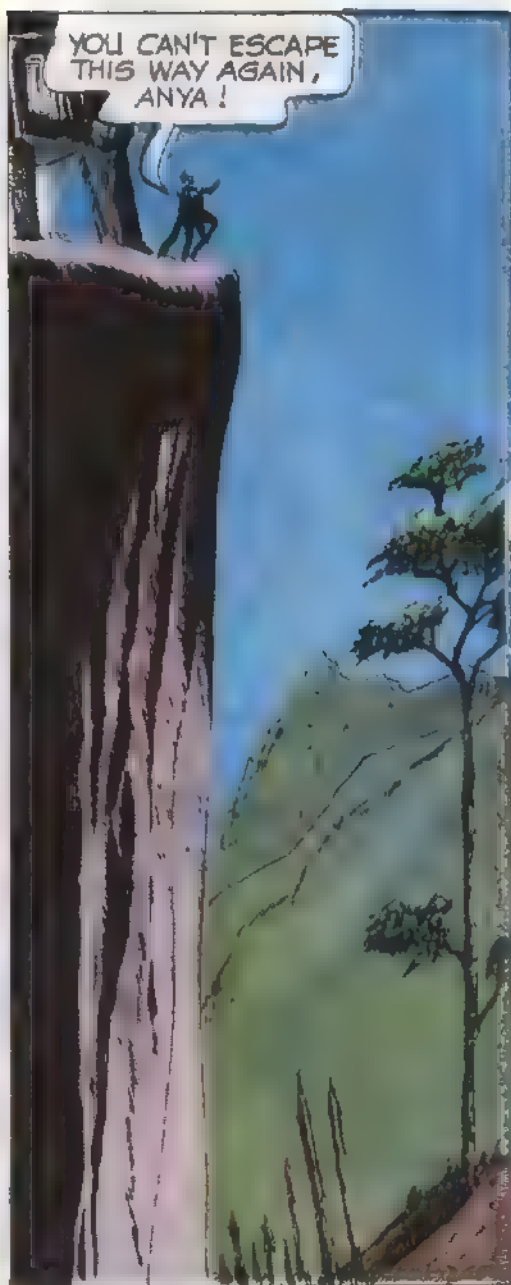
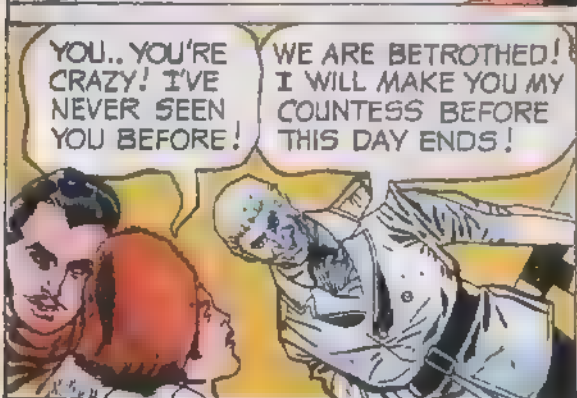
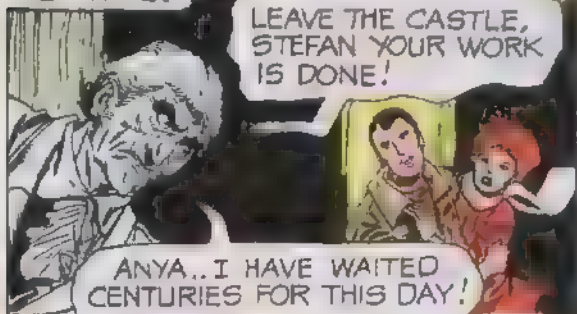


NO, ANYA!





STEFAN TURNS HER BACK, HIS TOUCH GENTLE, HIS EYES SAD.. AND ANYA SZMYTKA GOES, UNABLE TO RESIST HER FATE!



TAKE THE MARITAL VOWS WILLINGLY, WOMAN, OR I, COUNT IKLOS, WILL MAKE YOU REGRET YOUR DEFIANT WAYS!

IF I HAD KNOWN YOU IN LIFE... I WOULD HAVE DESPISED YOU!

THE COUNT CAN ONLY BE STOPPED BY A SHAFT OF WOOD THROUGH HIS HEART ..AND WHO WOULD DARE TRY SUCH A DANGEROUS DEED IN THIS PLACE..

WHO? WHY, STEFAN, OF COURSE! AND THE SHAFT OF WOOD IS.. AN ARROW! THE WEAPON... AN ANCIENT CROSS-BOW!

ACCURSED P-PEASANT!

AND LATER... ANNIBEL SMITH, AMERICAN, DISCOVERS THE DELIGHTS OF THE QUAINT LITTLE VILLAGE IN THE NATION CALLED SKAALAND...

..AND HER ESCORT IS A VERY CHARMING NATIVE!

# a date with a GHOST



Twenty seven men will swear, state, affirm, or testify in any manner whatsoever, that what I tell you is the truth. They are all members of the Soundview Rifle and Pistol Association. These men come from all walks of life. One is a millionaire; one is a stockbroker; one is an inventor; one is a truck driver, one is a building contractor; and one is a college professor. Of course, if you do not believe in ghosts and the spirit world, then you will not be convinced. You probably will look for another explanation of what took place on December 7, 1968. But rest assured, you won't find it!

I joined that club fifteen years ago when my activities were in that upstate area. Then I moved back to the city but kept up my interest in rifle shooting. I would manage to get there on Saturdays. Now once a year the club had its affair. They had a "turkey shooting match" in the afternoon. You didn't shoot at real birds but at paper targets. Then when the sun began to set, they got ready for the affair in the clubhouse.

Charcoal grills were set up and delicious steaks soon were heated. There was a big bowl of shrimp - go help yourself. Fried potatoes, coffee, and apple pie. And something to cheer you up. A most friendly affair. But one hitch. I didn't like to drive at night. So I asked Jim Alters, the president of the club, if I could bring a friend, as my guest. He would drive me there from the city and then back home.

"Of course," replied Jim. "He ought to have a good time here. Just hope we don't get a snow-fall."

My friend was Frankly Devars. That name should sound a bit familiar. He believed in mediums, ghosts, thought transfer, and spirits. He wrote two books on the subjects; lectured on it; and was on several T.V. shows. He was a bachelor and a lonely man. He had but one friend in the world - myself. He liked my two sons very much and they liked him.

So we went to the first club dinner together. They all made him feel at home. When we got back at two in the morning to my place, I remember his words:

"I would appreciate it very much if you would take me to each of the yearly dinners. I don't

like shooting - but I like those people very much."

So I took him each year and he became a kind of unofficial member of the club. Later I learned, he had made a donation of three hundred dollars towards the fund for a new club house.

I saw him on December 2, 1968. He just didn't look right to me.

"Anything wrong?" I asked. "A bit ill?"

"Nothing wrong," he said. "In fact, nothing can keep me from that club dinner. I will call for you at one o'clock in the afternoon."

He came to my house at that time. Told me his car wasn't in condition. He would drive me there in my car. I was a bit worried. His face looked pale and thin. But we drove to the club, and he had a wonderful time. He drove me to my home, then hailed a cab and went to his place. At eight in the morning I received a phone call from the police. The superintendent of the building in which he lived had found his lifeless body at 2:30 in the afternoon of December 2, 1968. They were looking for a friend of his and finally located me.

Now this sounded impossible. How could he be there dead - and with me at the dinner? I went to police headquarters. I told Captain John Folsom of what had happened. Of course, he was doubtful. Then I managed to get Jim Alters on the phone. He told the captain about the dinner.

"We took pictures and as soon as they are developed, will bring them to you personally," he said to the captain.

He left his business, took the negatives to a photographer, and had them developed. Then he called me on the phone and told me the startling news.

"Frankly Devars was sitting next to you at the table. We have five pictures of you. But the seat next to you is empty! We can't be crazy. It can't be a mass illusion. It must have been a real ghost. He kept his promise to take you to our dinner."

I should add that every effort was made to find the taxi driver who took him home, but to no avail. So I feel I had a date with a ghost. You believe - whatever you wish.



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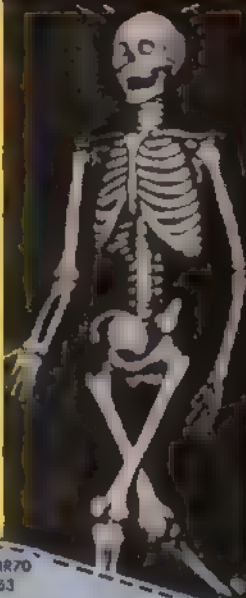
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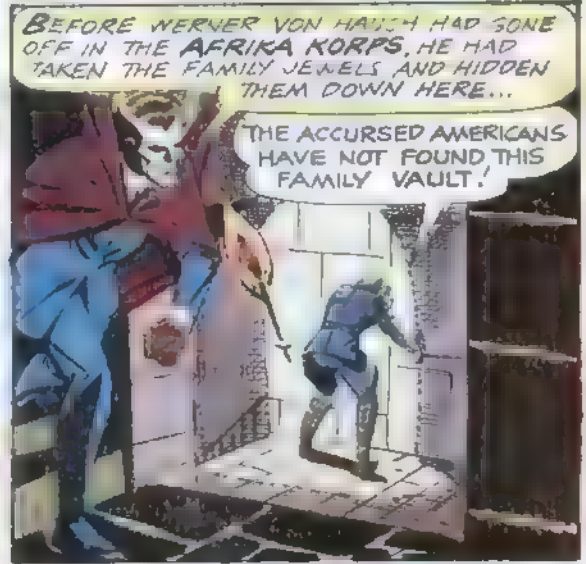
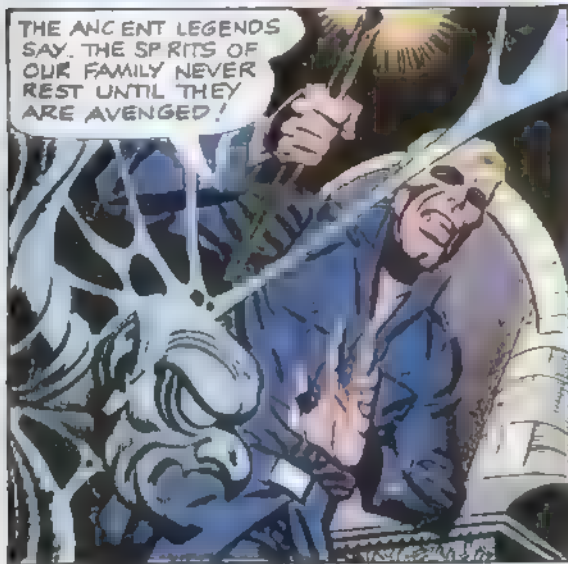
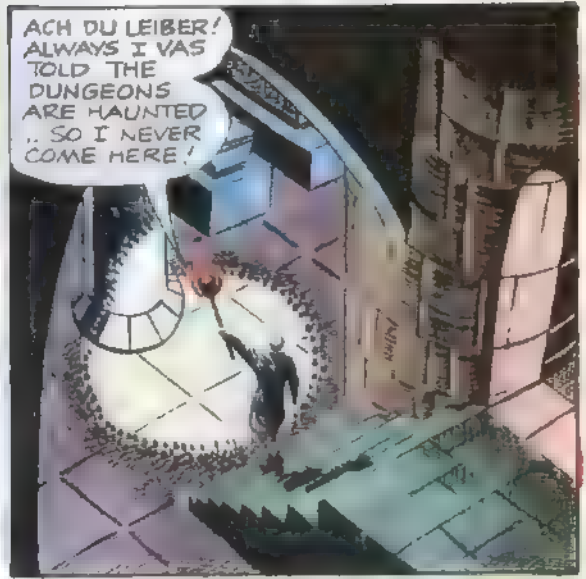
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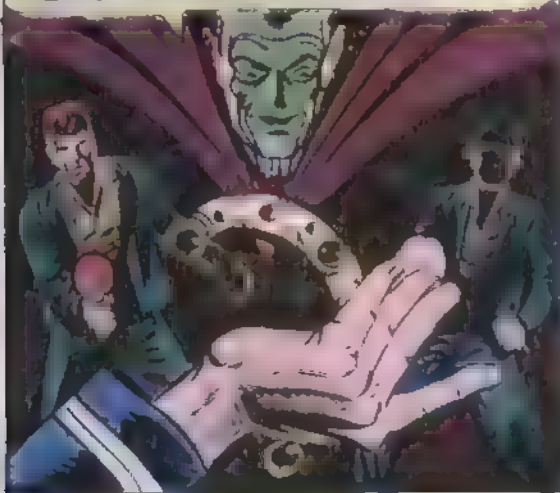
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THIS ISN'T SMALL, LENCH! IF WE CAN GET THIS STUFF HOME WE'RE SET FOR LIFE!



HACKER AND LENCH WITH THE TULLING OF THEIR KIND SEW THE JEWELS INTO THE LININGS OF THEIR UNIFORMS. CONCEAL GOLD IN CLEVER Hiding PLACES.

WE'LL STICK TOGETHER HACKER! WITH THE VON HOCK LOOT WE'LL BE MILLIONAIRES!



I'VE SPOKEN TO A REAL ESTATE AGENT LENCH! HE'S GOT TWO BEAUTIFUL HOUSES NEAR EACH OTHER WE'RE GONNA BUY!

WE'LL LIVE LIKE KINGS, HACKER!



WE'LL HAVE A PARTY TONIGHT LENCH TO CELEBRATE!

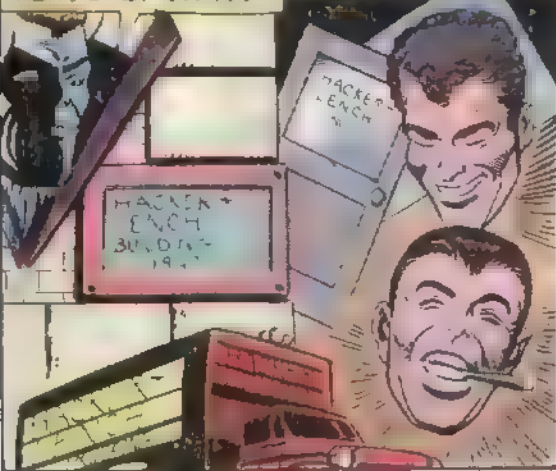
THESE TWO THIEVES HAVE APPARENTLY GOTTEN AWAY WITH MURDER AND THEFT ...AND NOW THEY PROFIT FROM THEIR CRIMES!

WE'VE GOT T MADE LENCH!

YEAH OL' BUDDY! GIMME A KISS, BABY!

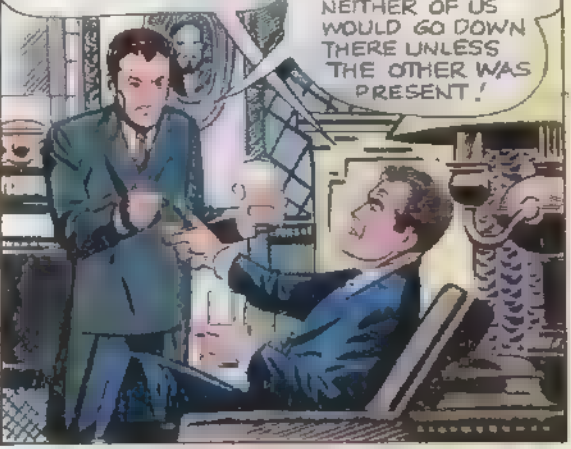


HACKER & LENCH INVESTED THEIR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS AND THEY PROSPERED! IT SEEMS CRIME DOES PAY, DOESN'T IT... HEH HEH HEH! JUST WAIT!

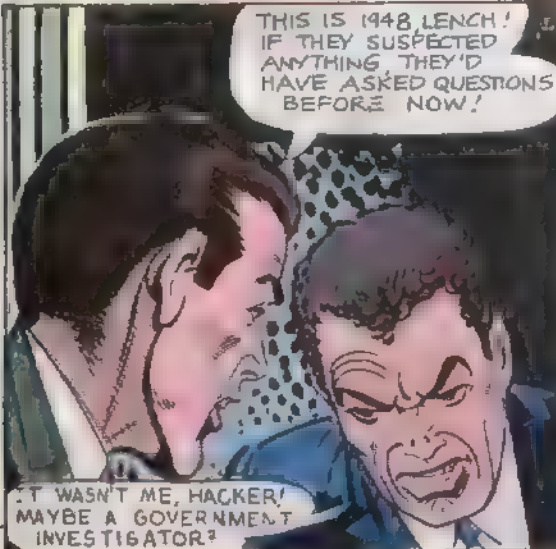


SOMEBODY WAS PUSSY-FOOTIN' AROUND MY PLACE LAST NIGHT, GUS! YOU WEREN'T GETTING CUTE, WERE YOU?

THE VAULT YOU AND I PERSONALLY BUILT IN THE CELLAR WAS TAMPERED WITH LENCH! WE AGREED NEITHER OF US WOULD GO DOWN THERE UNLESS THE OTHER WAS PRESENT!



THIS IS 1948, LENCH! IF THEY SUSPECTED ANYTHING, THEY'D HAVE ASKED QUESTIONS BEFORE NOW!



IT WASN'T ME, HACKER! MAYBE A GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATOR?

LET'S NOT GET SPOOKED, HACKER! WE GOT AWAY WITH IT AND WE'RE SITTING PRETTY!



SITTING PRETTY? YES... BUT FOR HOW MUCH LONGER, HACKER?

THE GHOST OF THEIR VICTIM IS WITH THEM NOW, ALTHOUGH NEITHER HACKER NOR LENCH REALIZE IT! HERE, LENCH IS AS UNAWARE AS HACKER OF VON HAUCH'S PRESENCE...



LENCH AND HACKER HAVE HAD TO TRUST EACH OTHER UNTIL NOW... BUT THINGS BEGIN TO GO AWRY...

YOU BLASTED FOOL, YOU BUNGLED...WE'VE LOST A BUNDLE ON THAT REAL ESTATE DEAL!

YOU'RE STUPID, HACKER!

I OUGHTA PUNCH YOU IN THE MOUTH, LENCH!

JUST TRY IT, LOUDMOUTH!

CHECK WITH ME BEFORE YOU START ANY OTHER DEALS LIKE THAT, HACKER!

GET OUTA HERE, LENCH!

NEXT A DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATES A FINANCIAL COUP THEY'RE INVOLVED IN...

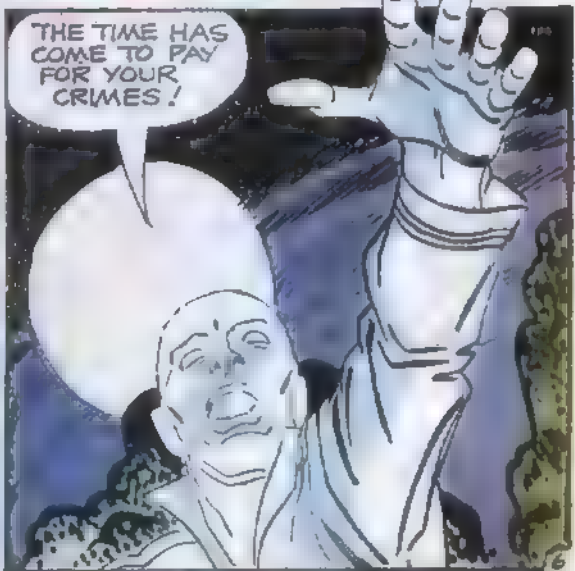
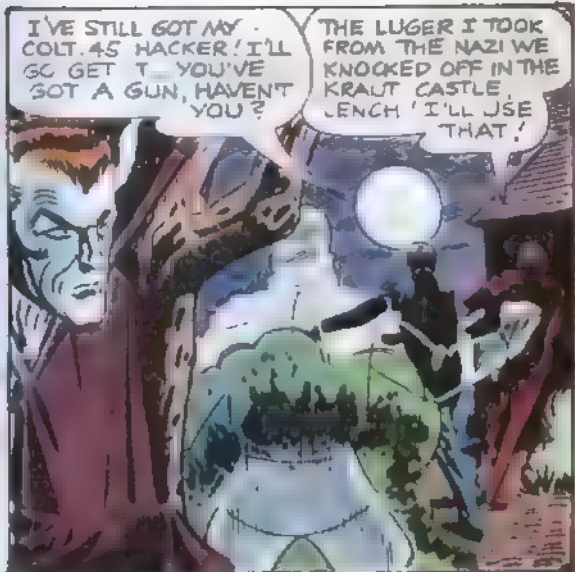
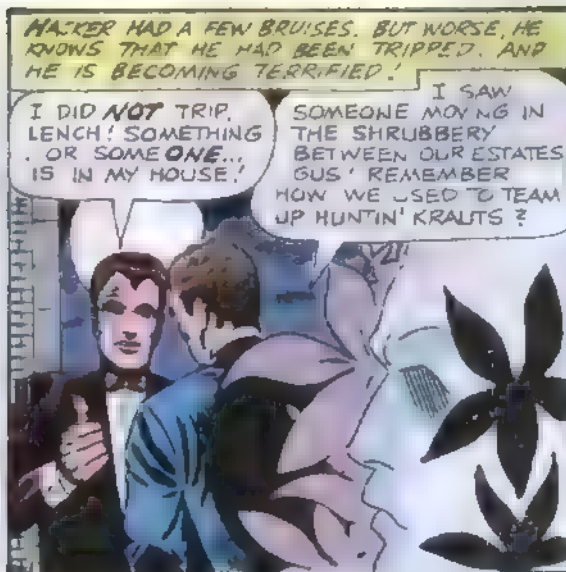
HERE'S YOUR SUBPOENA, MR HACKER! YOU AND MR LENCH WILL EXPLAIN THAT LAND DEAL TO THE JUDGE!

SOMEONE TIPPED THE D.A. OFF, LENCH! SOMEONE IS OUT TO RUIN ME!

HOW CAN YOU SUSPECT ME! I'M AS DEEPLY INVOLVED AS YOU ARE!

THIS MAN THEY MURDERED TO GET THE VON HAUCH FORTUNE... HE IS INTENT ON VENGEANCE... IN VARIOUS FORMS!

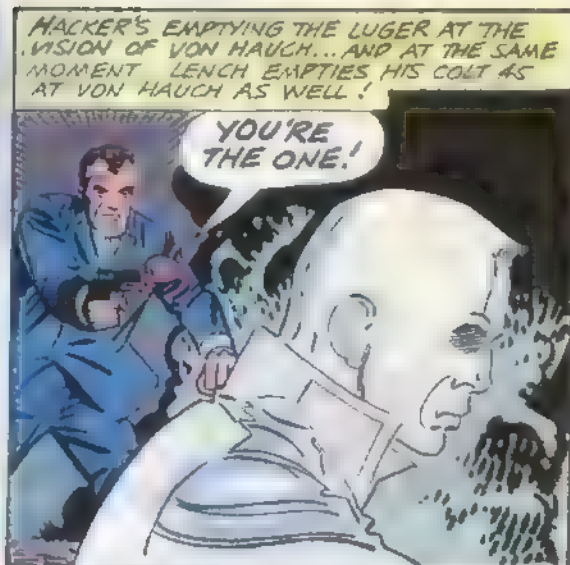






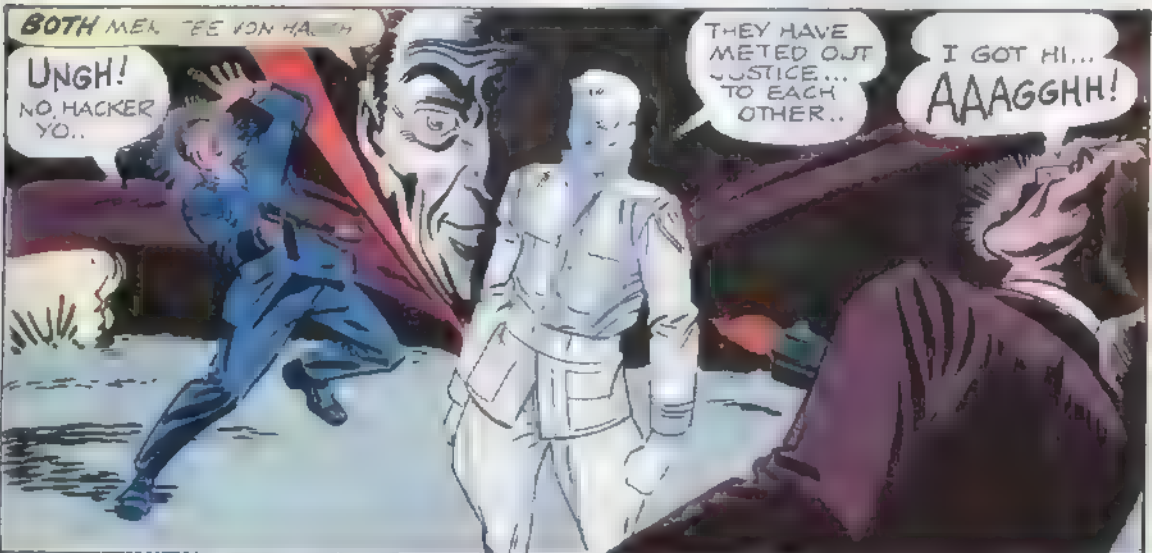


KEEP  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME!



HACKER'S EMPTYING THE LUGER AT THE  
VISION OF VON HAUCH... AND AT THE SAME  
MOMENT LENCH EMPTIES HIS COLT AS  
AT VON HAUCH AS WELL!

YOU'RE  
THE ONE!

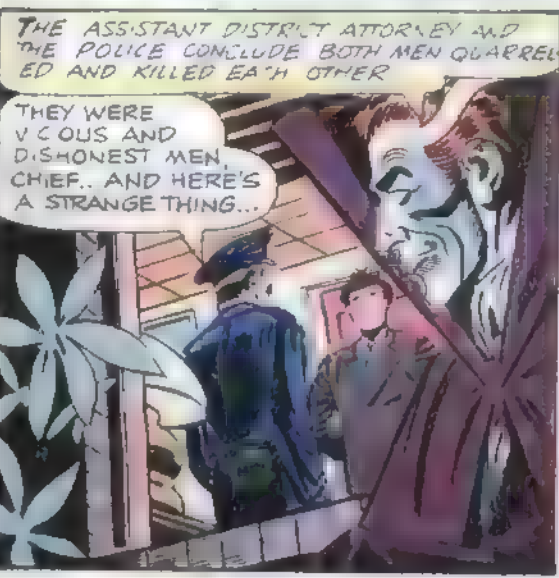


BOTH MEN SEE VON HAUCH

UNGH!  
NO HACKER  
YO...

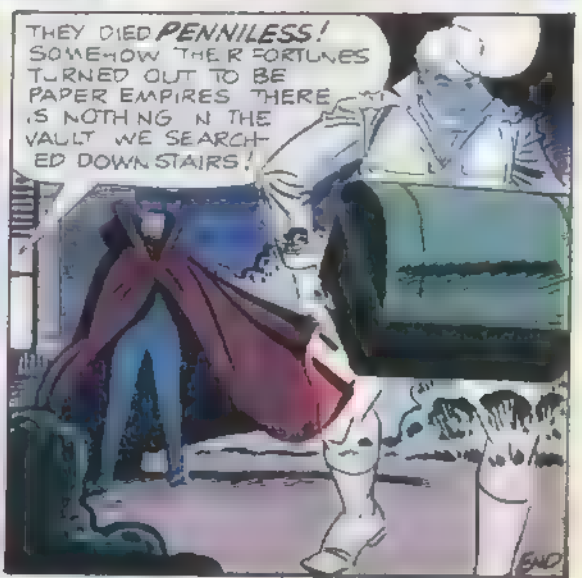
THEY HAVE  
METED OUT  
JUSTICE...  
TO EACH  
OTHER..

I GOT HI...  
AAAGGHH!



THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND  
THE POLICE CONCLUDE BOTH MEN QUARRELED  
AND KILLED EACH OTHER

THEY WERE  
VIOLENT AND  
DISHONEST MEN,  
CHIEF.. AND HERE'S  
A STRANGE THING...



THEY DIED **PENNYLESS!**  
SOMEHOW THEIR FORTUNES  
TURNED OUT TO BE  
PAPER EMPIRES THERE  
IS NOTHING IN THE  
VAULT WE SEARCHED  
DOWN STAIRS!

END

# THE GHOST PLANET

ATTENTION, EARTHLINGS! I AM MALLE, LEADER OF THE MARTOS! WE OF THE PLANET MARTH WILL OCCUPY YOUR WORLD IMMEDIATELY! DO NOT TRY TO STOP US OR WE WILL DESTROY YOU...

THEY ARE NOT MAKING ANY ATTEMPT TO DEFEND THEMSELVES! OUR SCOUT SHIPS ARE MEETING NO INTERFERENCE!

WE MUST BE CAREFUL! IT MAY BE SOME KIND OF TRICK!

A SHORT TIME LATER

OUR EARLIER REPORTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED. THE EARTHLINGS ARE NOT FIGHTING BACK!

GOOD! WE WILL ENTER ON SCHEDULE!

THE FLEET IS ASSEMBLED, MASTER.

EXCELLENT! ORDER THE ATTACK!!

MEANWHILE ON THE PLANET MARS.

THERE THEY GO AGAIN! THAT'S THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR ANOTHER PLANET ATTACKED EARTH!

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## LETTERS to the HAUNTED HOUSE



Dear Mr. Dedd:

My grandfather used to tell me when I was small that he had a helper on his farm and when I'd ask him who he was, he'd smile and say 'Edmund'. Well, Uncle Cal told me grandfather was only fooling because Grandpa didn't have a helper and the man named Edmund had disappeared years before and was dead.

I believed Grandpa because Grandpa always got an awful lot of work done around the farm. Even after Grandpa had arthritis in his hands, he still milked eight cows every night and Uncle Cal used to say he couldn't understand how Grandpa could still do all that work.

I understood all right. Edmund, Grandpa's helper, was doing his work for him.

Well, I'm sixteen now. Grandpa's dead and Uncle Cal lives in town but he still owns the farm. I went out there yesterday on an errand for Uncle Cal. It was spooky but I went to the house and got Uncle Cal's fishing gear, then out to the barn for his tool chest.

I didn't actually see Edmund but I know he was there, Mr. Dedd! For one thing, the clock in Grandpa's room was ticking when I went upstairs and I could feel someone standing in the hall. Believe me, I ran. I fell down the stairs, got out of the house, and started to drive away. That's when I remembered the tool chest from the barn. I started to put on the brakes to go back when I looked at the seat beside me. It was the tool chest and I didn't put it in the truck! I thought about that for a minute, then I peeled out again.

I'm sure now that Grandpa wasn't lying about Edmund. He's out at the farm right now living in the house. I'm also sure I'm never going back there alone.

Sincerely,  
Don R.  
Waltham, Mass.

Don, that's a mighty interesting letter. We've heard of stranger things than that and all that you said about Edmund may be true. We think you should get your Uncle Cal to tell you all that he knows about Edmund. It seems logical that this Edmund character died somewhere on that farm many years ago and continued working for your grandfather for some reason only he might know.

Dear sir:

I have no brothers or sisters and I live with my father just outside of town here in West Virginia. There aren't many kids living near me and I used to get awfully lonesome after Dad took me here to live. Mother is in Chicago, Dad says, she'll come home for a visit next summer maybe.

Anyhow, living here isn't so bad in the winter when there's school even though going to school every day isn't so great. But the summers are really bad. What kids there are around here seem to go away once school is out.

I'd sit around the lonely old house all day reading or watching TV or just doing nothing. Sometimes when it's quiet, I'd hear funny noises in the house. I didn't pay them much mind and when I'd hear noises at night, I didn't care because Pop was always home.

But then, one night, he couldn't get home. He called up and told me the car busted and he'd be away overnight. He told me to go down the street to a neighbor's and ask them if I could stay there but I didn't, I slept in my own bed but it was bad. I heard them!

There are ghosts in this house!

I heard one laughing, and another mumbling right in the room with me. I yanked the covers over my head and laid awake nearly all night. I guess I fell asleep at last but when I woke up there was stuff thrown all around my room. Like as if another kid looked at my books and toys and left the stuff where he dropped it, a real slob.

I know there's a ghost here but I

think he's a boy and he fools with my toys. I'm not afraid any more and sometimes I talk to him. I don't hear him answering me but sometimes I think he's telling me how he feels about the things I tell him.

Nobody knows but you about this ghost. Can you print this and tell me if other kids have a ghost to play with like I do?

Yours truly,  
H.U., Wheeling, W. Va.

Well, H.U., your letter sort of made us feel sort of creepy. It's tough not having any friends, especially when you're an only child. It's real rough when your mother has to be away like yours is and when you have to stay alone or in the house, it must be hairy!

You didn't say how old you are but judging from your handwriting we'd guess you're about eleven or twelve. We'd advise you to tell your father about all this activity around the house, both day AND night. Your Dad might decide to take you along when he's away on business. It isn't healthy or safe for you to be alone that much.

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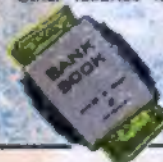
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